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TRANS MODERATE.
G. T. BROCKETT.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1887.

by all residents in this Colony to

At this time, January, 1839, the Canton trade, at Canton at any rate, was almost if not entirely stagnant, when the Chinese Government, with ill timed energy, appointed the celebrated LIN TSE-SU as High Commissioner to suppress it. He arrived at Canton in the month of March. His first measure was to move more than 100 British prisoners, was the issue of woodcuts, and to issue, denouncing with a mixture of argument, cajolery, and threats, first that all opium be surrendered, and secondly that bonds be given by each ship entering the port that she had none on board; the second to the rating them for sale, in which after soundly and for permitting the export of opium, he ordered them to procure the execution of the bonds within three days under pain of death. The Commissioner's next acts have been so often told, that we hesitate to recall them. How on the 23rd February he strangled a man in the Foreign Store, and on the 22nd March, out of 100 British prisoners between the Factories and Whampoa, sentenced that Mr. DENT be sent in to him for trial; how two days later Captain ELLIOT ran the gauntlet of armed boats, and succeeded in joining his imprisoned countrymen and flying his ensign on the flagstaff, "well knowing that there is a sense of support in the knowledge that none can feel but men who look upon it as their own; how the straits are close;" how on the 27th March Captain ELLIOT, when measures had been taken to starve the foreigners to death, issued his momentous circular to all British Merchants to deliver up their opium; and how more than 20,000 chests were delivered,

THE SANITARY BOARD AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Friday a rather lively discussion took place with reference to a proposal to construct what will virtually amount to a ring of Government contractors to carry out the drainage of the private houses. The introduction of forming such a ring was not unopposed, but what is important, is not the objections of the framers of the Bill but the actual wording of the measure. The clause in question originally stood as follows:— "All works connected with the construction, reconstruction, trapping, and venting of the drains shall be carried out at the cost and charges of the owner of the premises." The Board or the persons approved of by the Board under the supervision of the Engineer." The Hon. A. P. MACBRYEN, on behalf of the landlords, especially the Chinese landlords, objected strongly to the phrase "or persons approved of by the Board" in the clause, and that such a system might lead to the great deal of monopoly in the hands of a few contractors. That this fear was well founded was gathered from a remark made by the Acting Attorney-General:—"If the landlord could provide a respectable contractor to offer every guarantee he did not think the Government would reject him unless for very good reasons." The hon. gentleman, it will be observed, will not venture on the positive assertion that a respectable contractor would be rejected even without good reasons; but it is clear that he anticipates there might be some reason for rejecting such a contractor.

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with reference to a proposal to construct a ring usually amount to a ring Government monopoly on casual work. The Government can cancel out maintenance works in private houses. The question of forming such a ring was of course disclaimed, but what is important is not the intentions of the framers of the Bill but the actual wording of the measure. The clause in question originally stood as follows:—
“The works connected with the construction, repair, re-erecting, and re-erecting of sewers, drains, and cess-pits, shall be carried out by the Board or by persons approved of by the Board or by persons approved of by the Board under the supervision of the Board.” The Hon. A. P. MacLewen, on behalf of the landlords, especially the Chinese landlords, objected strongly to the phrase “by persons approved of by the Board.” He said that the Board might have a great deal of corruption and the Board might have a monopoly for the benefit of a few contractors. That this fear was well founded by a statement made by the Board was gathered from a remark made by the Acting Attorney-General:—“If the landlord could provide a respectable contractor he would give a guarantee he did not think the Board would have unless for very good reasons.” The hon. member said he observed, will not venture on the position of a contractor that a respectable contractor would be rejected even without good reasons; it is clear that he anticipates there might be a good reason for rejecting such a contractor.

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aid and giving security?

"N. C. DAILY NEWS" AND
THE CUSTOMS RETURNS

Foreign Customs Returns for the
quarter form the subject of a
to the N. C. Daily News,
concludes in the following favorable
On the whole these returns are
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HONGKONG.

A meeting of the
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A meeting of shareholders was held on Saturday, the 27th August, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the statement of accounts and auditors' report. - Messrs. W. Farfitt, F. Dod-Driscoll, R. Lyall, H. C. P. Byrne, James Buchanan, John Jones, J. B. Reza, L.

read the notice convening the meeting. The gentlemen, the report, some days, and with it as read. There, beyond what appears as, as you can see, is the directors hope that the completed will within 91st August, 1888,

working of the Hotel, and we think reasonable will greatly enhance travelling than hitherto.

